



UNIT 26

(SEE PAGE 149 FOR UNIT 26 MAP)

This unit consists of Arctic Ocean drainages between Cape Lisburne and the Alaska-Canada border including the Firth River drainage with Alaska.

Unit 26(A) consists of that portion of Unit 26 lying west of the Itkillik River drainage and west of the east bank of the Colville River between the mouth of the Itkillik River and the Arctic Ocean.

Unit 26(B) consists of that portion of Unit 26 east of Unit 26(A), west of the west bank of the Canning River and west of the west bank of the marsh fork of the Canning River.

Unit 26(C) consists of the remainder of Unit 26.

Special Provisions:

- The **Unit 26(A) Controlled Use Area**, which consists of Unit 26(A), is closed to the use of aircraft in any manner for moose hunting, including transportation of moose hunters or parts of moose from Aug. 1 - Aug. 31 and from Jan. 1 - Mar. 31. No hunter may take or transport a moose, or part of a moose in Unit 26(A) after having been transported by aircraft into the unit. However, this does not apply to transportation of moose hunters or moose parts by regularly scheduled flights to and between villages by carriers that normally provide scheduled service to this area, nor does it apply to transportation by aircraft to or between publicly owned airports.
- The **Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area**, which consists of those portions of Units 20, 24, 25, and 26 extending five miles from each side of the Dalton Highway from the Yukon River to Prudhoe Bay, is closed to the use of motorized vehicles, except aircraft and boats, and to licensed highway vehicles, snowmobiles, and firearms except as provided below. The use of snowmobiles is authorized only for the subsistence taking of wildlife by residents living within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area. The use of licensed highway vehicles is limited only to designated roads within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area. The use of firearms within the Corridor is authorized only for the residents of Alatna, Allakaket, Anaktuvuk Pass, Bettles, Evansville, Stevens Village, and residents living within the Corridor.
- The **Northwest Alaska Brown Bear Management Area** is open to brown bear hunting by State registration permit in lieu of a resident tag. The Area consists of Unit 22, except for 22(C), and Unit 23, except the Baldwin Peninsula north of the Arctic Circle, Unit 24 and Unit 26(A). No resident tag is required for taking brown bears in the Northwest Alaska Brown Bear Management Area, provided that the hunter has obtained a State registration permit prior to hunting. Aircraft may not be used in the Northwest Alaska Brown Bear Management Area in any manner for brown bear hunting under the authority of a brown bear State registration permit, including transportation of hunters, bears or parts of bears. However, this does not apply to transportation of bear hunters or bear parts by regularly scheduled flights to and between communities by carriers that normally provide scheduled service to this area, nor does it apply to transportation of aircraft to or between publicly owned airports. See Page 15 for sealing requirements.
- Caribou may be taken from a boat under power in Unit 26.
- Swimming caribou may be taken with a firearm using rimfire cartridges.
- No more than five caribou per regulatory year may be transported from Unit 26 except by residents of Anaktuvuk Pass.
- For the DeLong Mountains sheep hunts - A Federally-qualified subsistence user (recipient) may designate another Federally-qualified subsistence user to take sheep on his or her behalf unless the recipient is a member of a community operating under a community harvest system. The designated hunter must obtain a designated hunter permit and must return a completed harvest report. The designated hunter may hunt for any number of recipients but may have no more than two harvest limits in his/her possession at any one time.

- For subsistence use, national parks, monuments and preserves are open only to National Park Service qualified subsistence users. Subsistence users must be local rural residents of National Park Service areas. For more information contact the National Park Service office in Anchorage, Alaska (telephone: 907/257-2649).
- In Kaktovik, a Federally-qualified subsistence user (recipient) may designate another Federally-qualified subsistence user to take sheep on his or her behalf unless the recipient is a member of a community operating under a community harvest system. The designated hunter must obtain a designated hunter permit and must return a completed harvest report. The designated hunter may hunt for any number of recipients but may have no more than two harvest limits in his/her possession at any one time.
- Residents of Anaktuvuk Pass who have taken sheep within Gates of the Arctic National Park under the community harvest quota hunt are required to report the taking within 10 days to the Anaktuvuk Pass village coordinator's office.

An "All rural residents" designation in the following customary and traditional use determinations means that a specific determination has not yet been made.

Hunting

SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
BLACK BEAR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All rural residents 	3 bears	July 1 - June 30
BROWN BEAR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural residents of Unit 26 (except the Prudhoe Bay-Deadhorse Industrial Complex), and residents of Anaktuvuk Pass and Point Hope <p><i>See Special Provision for the Northwest Alaska Brown Bear Management Area on page 150. Contact ADF&G for permit hunt details.</i></p>	Unit 26 (A) - 1 bear by State registration permit only	Sept. 1 - May 31
	Units 26(B) and 26(C) - 1 bear	Sept. 1 - May 31
CARIBOU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Units 26(A) and (C) - Rural residents of Unit 26 and the residents of Anaktuvuk Pass and Point Hope • Unit 26(B) - Rural residents of Unit 26 and the residents of Anaktuvuk Pass, Point Hope and Wiseman 	Unit 26(A) - 10 caribou per day; however, cow caribou may not be taken May 16 - June 30. Federal public lands south of the Colville River and east of the Killik River are closed to the taking of caribou from Aug. 1 - Sept. 30, except by rural Alaska residents of Unit 26, Anaktuvuk Pass and Point Hope	July 1 - June 30
	Unit 26(B) - 10 caribou per day; however, cow caribou may be taken only from Oct. 1 - Apr. 30.	July 1 - June 30
	Unit 26(C) - 10 caribou per day	July 1 - Apr. 30

Hunting

SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION

HARVEST LIMITS

OPEN SEASONS

SHEEP

- Unit 26(A) - Residents of Unit 26, Anaktuvuk Pass, and Point Hope
- Unit 26(B) - Residents of Unit 26, Anaktuvuk Pass, Point Hope, and Wiseman
- Unit 26(C) - Residents of Unit 26, Anaktuvuk Pass, Arctic Village, Chalkyitsik, Fort Yukon, Point Hope, and Venetie

See Special Provision for residents of Anaktuvuk Pass

*Unit 26(B) Federal permits may be obtained from:
Bureau of Land Management, Northern District
Office, Fairbanks*

*Unit 26(C) Federal registration permits may be
obtained from:
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Fairbanks*

(See pages 177 and 178 for complete addresses)

Unit 26(A) - those portions within the Gates of the Arctic National Park, excluding Anaktuvuk Pass residents - 3 sheep

Aug. 1 - Apr. 30

Unit 26(A) - that portion west of Howard Pass and the Etivluk River (DeLong Mountains) - 1 ram with full curl or larger horns by Federal registration permit. The Superintendent of the Western Arctic National Parklands may issue permits for the harvest of up to 10 full curl rams in the DeLong Mountains, Units 23 and 26(A), based on a quota to be announced locally after the annual sheep population survey is completed.

Aug. 1 - Sept. 30.
The season will be closed when half of the quota has been harvested in the DeLong Mountains.

Oct. 1 - Apr. 1. The season will be closed when the total quota of sheep has been harvested in the DeLong Mountains including those harvested during the Aug. 1 - Sept. 30 season.

Unit 26(B) - that portion within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area - 1 ram with 7/8 curl horn or larger by Federal registration permit only

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

Units 26(A) and (B) - those portions within the Gates of the Arctic National Park, Anaktuvuk Pass residents only - community harvest quota of 60 sheep, no more than 10 of which may be ewes and a daily possession limit of 3 sheep per person, no more than 1 of which may be a ewe.

July 15 - Dec. 31

Remainder of Units 26(A) and (B) - including the Gates of the Arctic National Preserve - 1 ram with 7/8 curl horn or larger

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

Unit 26(C) - 3 sheep per regulatory year; the Aug. 10 - Sept. 20 season is restricted to 1 ram with 7/8 curl horn or larger. A Federal registration permit is required for the Oct. 1 - Apr. 30 season.

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20
Oct. 1 - Apr. 30

SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION

HARVEST LIMITS

OPEN SEASONS

MOOSE

- Rural residents of Unit 26 (except the Prudhoe Bay-Deadhorse Industrial Complex), and residents of Point Hope and Anaktuvuk Pass

Unit 26(A) - that portion of the Colville River drainage downstream from the mouth of the Anaktuvuk River - 1 bull. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by rural Alaska residents of Unit 26 (not including the Prudhoe Bay-Deadhorse Complex), Point Hope and Anaktuvuk Pass.

Aug. 1 - Aug. 31

Remainder of Unit 26

No Federal open season

MUSKOX

- Unit 26(A) - Residents of Anaktuvuk Pass, Atkasuk, Barrow, Nuiqsut, Point Hope, Point Lay, and Wainwright
- Unit 26(B) - Residents of Anaktuvuk Pass, Nuiqsut, and Kaktovik
- Unit 26(C) - Residents of Kaktovik

*Federal registration permits may be obtained from:
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Fairbanks
(See Page 178 for complete address)*

Unit 26(C) - 1 muskox by Federal registration permit only; 12 permits for bulls and 3 permits for cows may be issued to rural Alaska residents of the village of Kaktovik only. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of muskox, except by rural Alaska residents of the village of Kaktovik during open seasons

Sept. 15 - Mar. 31

Units 26(A) and (B)

No Federal open season

COYOTE

- All rural residents

2 coyotes

Sept. 1 - Apr. 30

FOX, ARCTIC (Blue and White Phase)

- All rural residents

2 foxes

Sept. 1 - Apr. 30

FOX, RED (including Cross, Black and Silver Phases)

- All rural residents

Units 26(A) and (B) - 10 foxes; however, no more than 2 foxes may be taken prior to Oct. 1

Sept. 1 - Mar. 15

Unit 26(C) - 10 foxes

Nov. 1 - Apr. 15

HARE (Snowshoe and Tundra)

- All rural residents

No limit

July 1 - June 30

LYNX

- All rural residents

2 lynx

Nov. 1 - Apr. 15

WOLF

- Rural residents of Units 6, 9, 10 (Unimak Island only), 11-13 and the residents of Chickaloon, and 16-26

15 wolves

Aug. 10 - Apr. 30

Hunting

SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION

HARVEST LIMITS

OPEN SEASONS

WOLVERINE

- All rural residents

5 wolverine

Sept. 1 - Mar. 31

GROUSE (Spruce, Blue, Ruffed, and Sharp-tailed)

- All rural residents

15 per day, 30 in possession

Aug. 10 - Apr. 30

PTARMIGAN (Rock, Willow, and White-tailed)

- All rural residents

20 per day, 40 in possession

Aug. 10 - Apr. 30

Trapping

COYOTE

- All rural residents

No limit

Nov. 1 - Apr. 15

FOX, ARCTIC (Blue and White Phase)

- All rural residents

No limit

Nov. 1 - Apr. 15

FOX, RED (including Cross, Black and Silver Phases)

- All rural residents

No limit

Nov. 1 - Apr. 15

LYNX

- All rural residents

No limit

Nov. 1 - Apr. 15

MARTEN

- All rural residents

No limit

Nov. 1 - Apr. 15

MINK AND WEASEL

- All rural residents

No limit

Nov. 1 - Jan. 31

MUSKRAT

- All rural residents

No limit

Nov. 1 - June 10

OTTER

- All rural residents

No limit

Nov. 1 - Apr. 15

WOLF

- Rural residents of Units 6, 9, 10 (Unimak Island only), 11 - 13 and the residents of Chickaloon, and 16 - 26

No limit

Nov. 1 - Apr. 30

WOLVERINE

- All rural residents

No limit

Nov. 1 - Apr. 15